

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO: 09-097

v.

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SECTION: "C"

LARRY EDWARDS

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FACTUAL BASIS

Should this matter proceed to trial, the United States would prove beyond a reasonable doubt, through credible testimony and reliable evidence, the following facts:

In January 2009, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, detectives with the New Orleans Police Department ("NOPD"), were contacted by a confidential source ("CS"), who told them that **LARRY EDWARDS** ("**EDWARDS**") was distributing crack cocaine from his residence located at 1116 Saint Ferdinand, and that he personally witnessed crack being sold from this location in the past twenty-four hours. Based on the foregoing, the officers asked the confidential source to make a controlled purchase from **EDWARDS**. Sometime thereafter, the confidential source walked to **EDWARDS**' home, and made contact with him and Steve Caston ("**CASTON**"). The three then went inside of the house, and began discussing the confidential source's interest in purchasing cocaine from **EDWARDS**. **EDWARDS** then turned to **CASTON** and began negotiating a whole sale price for the cocaine that we was going to sell to the confidential source. **CASTON** then left

the house, got into his vehicle, and drove to his house located at 14512 Haynes Blvd. **EDWARDS** then told the confidential source to come back when **CASTON** returned. Once in the house, the confidential source witnessed **EDWARDS** and **CASTON** exchange money for a bag of crack cocaine. **CASTON** then left the house, and the confidential source and **EDWARDS** completed their drug deal. Pursuant to the foregoing, the detectives obtained a search warrant for **EDWARDS** and **CASTON**'s residences. The officers then executed a search warrant of **EDWARDS**' home, and found a safe in the master bedroom. **EDWARDS** then opened the safe at the request of the officers. Within the safe, the officers found three sandwich bags that contained 108 individually wrapped rock-like objects and a digital scale. The rock-like objects were tested at the New Orleans Police Department Crime Laboratory. The test results showed that these objects weighed over five (5) net grams, and tested positive for crack cocaine as reflected in the crime lab report that was prepared by Criminalist William Giblin on February 3, 2009.

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